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on Minidoka Project uious to Know About Water Supply.

OR LANDS SOUTH SIDE OF SNAKE RIVER

bion of Pumping System Not Be Undertaken Several Years.

on Dec. 17. - The Reclama lately has been importuned ers on the Minidoka proto fix a definite date when supplied to the lands on the of Snake river, above the

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n of this fact has been to time during the past hs, and intending settlers need and warned not to ndtable in the future to re-lands above and near the the by means of a pumping in power to be supplied at the later construction. Reclaim Large Area.

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Cost of the Work.

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Gem of Unrest.

TRAIN BANDITS BOARD TRAIN THEY ROBBED

Northern Pacific Robbers Display Nerve After Looting Express Car.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 17.-The robbers who held up the North Coast limited at Hijside siding at the Yakima canyon, eleven miles north of here, evidently boarded the train while at this place, as the train did not stop until it was compelled to do so by the robbers at Hillside siding.

Story Told by a Boy

A boy is being held at Ellensburg who was on the blind baggage. He says the two men got on top of the mail car at this place and rode to Hillsde siding. At that point they climbed down from the car to the rear of the tender, while the train was running at full speed. The engineer and fireman did not see them until they pointed guns into their faces and demanded them to stop the train.

Compelled to Two mails Safes.

Compelled to Dynamite Safes.

The fireman was ordered back to cut loose the express and mail car which he did. The engineer then pulled the two cars about a half mile in the road, he and the fireman being taken back to the express car. The engineer was o dered to piace a stick of dynamite under the door. This exploded, but two shots were necessary to blow open the car. The engineer was forced to enter the car ahead of one of the robbers, and five shots were used before the two safes were blown open.

Take All Valuables.

After gathering up the valuables and placing them in his pocket, the robber jumped out of the car and joining his companion, the two started down the track toward the passenger coaches. This morning a glove was found on the hillside and two nairs of overalls were picked out of the river.

Robbers Board Train.

As each man was dressed in overalls it is believed they discarded them and then boarded the passenger train and went with it to Ellensburg or farther West. The Sheriff's posse have not yet found any clew to the identity of the two men.

WHAT ROBBERS SECURED.

Superintendent of Express Company Says It Will Not Exceed \$500.

Says It Will Not Exceed \$500.

ST PAUL, Dec. 17—Officials at the Northern Pacific Express company head-quarters in this city are still without definite details concerning the hold-up of the westbound North Coast limited at Hillside Wash, last night. They have received reports that both the through and local sufes were dynamited and their contents scattered and destroyed, but whether or not the bandits secured any great amount of booty they do not know. W. S. Hay, superintendent of the Northern Pacific Express company, is inclined to believe that not over four or five hundred dollars was secured.

'This is the same truin that has been held up once or twice previously,' said Mr. Hay, 'and our previous experience induces the belief that little if any booty has been secured. The fact is that we do not carry much money on this run, most of our business being in checks. I am unable to give you even an approximate estimate of the value of the contents of the through safe, but am positive that there was little in it upon which the train rebbers, could realize. The contents of the local safe was not valuable.'

The Northern Pacific railroad has a standing reward for the capture and conviction of hold-ups and the officials seem confident that arrests will follow.

BEST BRAINS OF ARMY

Gen. Sir William Nicholson Is Appointed to British Army Council

LONDON, Dec 17.—One of the first of-ficial acts of the new Secretary of War, Richard Burdon Haldame, is the appoint-ment of Gen. Sir William Nicholson as Quartermaster-General, which makes him artermaster-General, which makes him third military member of the army med. It is considered that Gen. Nich-on represents the best brains of the ay. He was formerly director-general the military intelligence tureau of the r office and recently was attached to Japanese army in Manchuria as an inver-

CONFER WITH PRESIDENT

Gathering at White House Regarding Panama Canal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senators Al-son and Hale, who are members of the ommittee on Appropriations, and Chair-an Shonts and Secretary Bishop of the man Shonts and Secretary Bishop of the Isthmian Canal commission, were in conference with the President at the White House tonight. It is presumed that the case of Secretary Bishop, whose duties as agent for the commission have been the subject of discussion in Congress, was among the matters talked about, but no statement was made concerning the conference. conference.

Gigantic Frauds in Spain.

MADRID. Dec. 13.—The Council of Ministers has decided to order an investigation of the illegations made in the Chamber of Deputies sceasing Senator the Marquis Cacoyory of implication in signantic treasury frauds involving a sum of \$1.20,000 by means of faisely immped securities.

Auto Strikes a Woman.

NAPLES, Doc. 17.—The Duke and Duchesa of costa, cousins of King Victor Emmanusi, thile on an automobile trip today, ran over a coman. The car was immediately stopped and to Duchesa took the woman with her to the stree of a doctor, who raid that she was in a

engerous condition Annual Session Finnish Diet.

HELSINGFORS. Finland, Dec. 17.—The Diethas passed the first reading of the administrative reform bill, which provides for an annual session of the Diet, for triennial elections not for the extension to women both of the suffrage and of eligibility to hald office.

Prominent Indianan Dead.

BICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 17.-John A. Bu bank, former Territorial Governor of Dakot died at his home in this city tonight, aged

reclamation projects are building; they are also mightily independent. Little they seem to care whether they stay on a job or not. The essential thing is to keep moving. The germ of unrest gets in its deadly work before most of them even reach the reclamation works. Carload after carload of laborers has been etarted for the West and every effort made to deliver the men, but in spite of the unset vigilance on the part of those who undertake to transport them, many of the men succeed in getting away before their destination is reached. They have enjoyed their little outing and the chance it gave them to see the country, but they are not really hankering for the work. Very few stay with the job for any length of time or appear to take any interest in it. a not only few and far be-length of the regions of the West where

## FEDERAL CONTROL OF INSURANCE

House Will Discuss the Matter Based on President's Message.

HOLIDAY RECESS WILL BEGIN NEXT THURSDAY

Senate Will Push the Panama Canal Emergency Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-The Senate will meet the wishes of the House for an adjournment for the Christmas holidays on Thursday next. Meantime the Senate will probably content itself with comparatively little work unless there should be difficulty in agreeing with the House or the terms of the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill. That measure will go to a conference committee early in the week and there will be a united effort to reach a conclusion before the holiday adjournment. The action of the Senate in attempting to eliminate the bond provision and make a separate law of it will probably be the principal bone of contention in the conference committee. adjournment for the Christmas holidays

Reorganization of Committees. The reorganization of the Senate com-

The reorganization of the Senate committee will be announced Monday or Tuesday.

Senator Gallinger will make an effort during the week to have the Merchant Maribe bill made the unfinished work, not with a view of securing serious consideration of it before Christmas, but with the end in view of having it in position to be pressed when Congress reconvenes. Work Before House.

Work Before House.

The four days before the holiday adjournment will be dedicated in the House to further discussion of federal control of insurance and to completing the enactment of the Panama emergency appropriation. There are many members who desire to talk about insurance. Speaker Cannon has concurred in the general view in the House that the President's message furnishes as good a basis as anything else for this debate. Many members will not wait until Thursday to return to their homes for the holidays.

Committee Work in Progress. Committee Work in Progress.

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Committee work will progress during the debate. The Ways and Means committee will continue its hearings of the Philippine tariff and the Appropriation committee will begin the preparation of the District of Columbia appropriation till The Statehood bill is to be perfected but will not, under the present plan, be trought into the House until January 4, when it is expected to constitute the first business.

WITTE HAS NOT RESIGNED

His Retirement, However, Expected at Any Moment

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.-A report that Count Witte has resigned is in cir-culation, but it is false. It may, however, become true at any moment and Gen. Count Alexis Ignatieff is being held in

A close friend of the Premier tells the A close friend of the Fremier tells the Associated Press that Count Witte had no faith in the policy of Minister of the Interior Durnovo and only consented to it on condition that it should be confined to legal means. The same informant says that an official communication declaring a resort to legal measures to be the policy of the Government will be issued tomorrow. It is the opinion of many Liberals as well as revolutionists that 'with the first liberals of cannot Count Witte will

well as revolutionists that 'with the next discharge of cannon Count Witte will go.'! They say it matters little whether the Premier is or is not in sympathy with the polley of reaction, he cannot shirk responsibility for it.

REBELLION IN LIVONIA

People in Open Revolt, and Country Devastated.

ST PETERSBURG. Dec. 17.—At a meeting of the State bank yesterday it was declared that the alarmist rumor that the bank had not enough gold to exchange for notes was absolutely without foundation. The committee announced that the rumor had been spread by the revolutionaries. Reports from Livonia say that the whole country is in a state of open rebellion and that the properties of country gentlemen are in ruins.

FAIR BUILDINGS SOLD

Structures Costing \$300,000 Sell for Small Sum.

PORTLAND, Or. Dec. 17.—Persons rep-resented by Lafe Pence have purchased the buildings erected by the Oregon State commission at the Lewis and Clark fair commission at the Lewis and Clark fair grounds for \$250. The lumber will be shipped to the interior of the State, where it will be sold or used in making irrigation sinices. The buildings include the administration, Oriental exhibits, foreign exhibits, agricultural and liberal arts buildings, the auditorium and several smaller buildings. The structures cost about \$250,000. smaller buildi

Bubonic Plague on Ship.

CORUNNA Spain, Dec 17—The passengers and cargo of the Pacific Steam Navigation company's steamer Marpessa from South American ports, which vessel arrived here today, were not permitted to be landed owing to the fact that there were three cases of burshle plugue on beard. The steamer has salied or LaChalice, France.

Farmer-Hold-Ups Are Captured. WAUSAU, Wis., Dec 17.—The two men who yesterday held up the Colby State bank at Colby, Wis., were captured in a saloon here today, making no resistance. All of the stolen money was recavered. Both say they are farmers and never before committed a crime.

Audacicus Theft in Church.

FLORENCE, Italy, Dec. 17.—A most anda-dous theft has been committed in a church it Fescina, where the theves succeeded in trailing a notable work of Luca Della Robia, after removing the entire altar. The loss is socked upon as incalculable.

Dropped Dead on Street.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Henry E. Weaver, president of the Weaver Coal and Coke company and prominent in business and financial circles, dropped dead at his home on Drexel boulevard today of apoplexy, Fourteen Men Suffocated. HOMECOURT, France, Dec. 17,-Four-teen men were sufficated while cleaning bullers in the naval steel works here to-

ONE THOUSAND PERSONS HAVE NOT YET SLAIN BY TARTARS

Horrible Massacre of Armenians in the Town of Elizabethpol.

PARIS, Dec. 18 -A dispatch to the Journal from Trebizonde, Asia Minor, dated December 14, describes the atrocities committed at Elizabethpol in the early part

Slain in Streets.

It says that the Tartars attacked the Armenians December I. The latter offered resistance and endeavored to send their families away, but all the fugilives were massacred. Street fighting followed and then came house-to-house conflicts which lasted for several days. One Thousand Dead. Finally the Tartars set fire to the town, which is now a mass of rules. The dispatch says it is impossible to count the dead, the number of which is estimated

RESENTS ATTACK OF TEXAN

Former Official Republic of Panama Denies Statements of Culberson.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-Nicanor A. Deobarrio, formerly Minister of War and

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Nicanor A. Deobarrio, formerly Minister of War and Marine of the Republic of Panama, in a statement Issued today, replied to remarks made in the Senate by Mr. Culberson of Texas, who declared that the \$10.000.000 paid by the United States to Panama 'was no more nor less than a payment to the intriguers and conspirators there, who organized in this city under the very shadow of the capitol.' Mr. Deobarrio, after explaining that he was one of the eight persons who planned the separation of Panama from Colombia, says: 'According to the Hay-Herran treaty, approved by the United States Senate and the rejection of which by Colombia was the main cause of the separation of Panama, the United States Senate and the rejection of which by Colombia \$19.000.00 for certain privileges, and according to the Hay-Bunau Varilla treaty, approved by the Republic of Panama and by the United States Senate, the same was paid for securing even greater privileges.

"At the time it was offered the Republic of Panama was a perfectly constituted nation, recognized by all but two of the countries of the globe. The ten millions have been disposed of in this manner; \$6,000.00 invested in mortgages in New York real estate at an average of 4 percent per annum; \$1,000.00 for the establishment of a national bank system; \$200.000 londed to Panama bankers on call, and \$200.000 employed in converting our silver coin to the new coinage of the Republic of Panama and for depositing a sum sufficient to guarantee the parity of our silver with United States gold at the rate of two silver dollars for one gold dollar. The rest has been employed in building schoolouses, roads, bridges and the thousand and one things that have for years been needed in our country "As to the statement that the separation of Panama was accomplished under the shadow of the capitol,' I most emphatically deny in my name, and in that of my colleagues, that any public man of this or any other country had anything to do with the revolution, so shocessfully accompl

TRADE WITH PHILIPPINES

Aggregate Commerce With Islands \$20,000,000 Annually.

WASHINGTON. Dec. 17 - Estimates made by the bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor, based on the returns for ten months ended with October, are that the aggregate commerce between the United States and the Philippine islands for the calendar year 1905 will amount to about \$20,000,000, against about \$15,000,000 in 1991 \$10,000,000 in 1995 \$1,000,000 in 1995. The year prior to the American occupation.

Prior to 1990 the exports from the United States to the Philippines, the bureau reports show, had never exceeded a quarter of a million dollars, while in the present year they will aggregate nearly \$5,000,000.

\$6,000,000 Imports from the blands which the between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 per annum prior to 1839, were, in 1802, \$10,000,000; in 1903, \$12,000,000 and in 1905 will be about \$510,000,000, according to the bureau esti-

mates.

The imports in 1805 are chiefly bemp and sugar. Hemp imports for the first ten months of 1905 amounted to \$19,376,528 and

OUTLOOK A GLOOMY ONE

Prospect of Establishing Law and Order in Moscow Not Assuring.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The correspond of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petership commenting on recent events in a says be a still optimistic and is need of the impossibility of organ expects, strike because public or sia, says be is still optimistic and is vinced of the impossibility of organizing general strike because public opini and the peasantry are strongly averse it. He insists that the military outbreat Moscow is in no way an indication general dissatisfaction in the army, admits, however, that unless the loyal of the army is above suspicion the propect of re-establishing law and order is elecuny one.

SLIPPED WHILE HUNTING

Gun Accidentally Discharged and Hunter Fatally Wounded.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec 17.—Robert Rommel, Jr., while duck hunting a few miles north of Portland Saturday, slipped on a wet log and in falling received the charge from his shotgun in the abdomen. The young man was brought to Portland, where he died today. He was 2 years

Well-Known Missourian Killed.

ST. LOUIS. Dec. II.—Charles B. Eamer founder and vice-prosident of the St. Loui credit clearing house, was instantly killed to night at his home by an old rifle which recently came into his possession and which hwas examining.

Illinois Town Scorched.

DALLAS, III. Dec. 17.—Two of the principal business blocks of this city were burned today, with the contents, quintilling a loss of \$80.00. Among the losers are the Review, a weekly newspaper, and the First National bank.

Surgeon Victim of Heart Disease. PHILADELPHIA, Dec 17.-Dr. W. S. Forbes, professor of anatomy and clini-al surgery at Jefferson Medical college, ited at his home here today of angina ed at his home here today of angina ctoris, uged 74 years.

Blue Jackets Reach Isthmus. COLON. Dec. 17.—The United States crulser Columbia arrived here today with 502 marines and eighty officers, who will relieve the ma-rines stationed at Bas Obispe.

Utah Delegation in Congress Has Nothing to Say on Sugar Duties.

HOWELL IS AS SILENT

AS PROVERBIAL CLAM Apostle Smoot and Senator

Sutherland Not Prepared to State Their Views.

Special to The Tribune. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17-A revolt is threatened by cartain Republicans in the House from beet-growing districts against the Philippine tariff bill, which provide:

reduction on sugar to 25 per cent of the

Dingley rate. Who Are in Movement.

Those named in the movement are cer-tain Michigan representatives and mem-bers from California and Colorado Mon-dell (Wyo.) is also much in carnest on the

Utahns Are Silent. Howell says nothing Senators Smoot and Sutherland say they are not yet pre-pared to state their views on the sub-

BETS HAT OR TERM IN JAIL

Magistrate Makes Novel Wager With

Men Arrested for Drinking. NEW YORK, Dec. 17-"Til bet a hat u don't keep sober a year." This is the gist of a new form of legal

This is the gist of a new form of legal procedure in the case of husky men who get drunk, beat their wives and fall to support their children, as introduced by Magistrate "Battery Dan" Finn in the Harlem Pollee court today.

The bet is not exactly phrased this way, for it is a one-sided bet. If the man keeps sober he gets the hat at the expense of the Magistrate. If he gets drunk within a twelve month, he may get a term on the 'sland.

the island.

The new system was tried out on Tom Brennan, a big truck 6 iver. The wife did not want her husband imprisoned, but asked that he be made to keep sober long enough to support her and her five children. Magistrate Finn thereupon made Brennan the novel proposition. MUTINEERS HOLD FORT

Mounted Machine Guns in Windows

Defy Loyal Troops. MOSCOW, Dec. 17.-The Rostof grenadfer mutinles continue to hold the fort under command of Private Scalaroff, who acted as president of the soldlers' meeting In the windows of the barracks mounted machine gune are defring the Sumysha regiment and the other local twops which surround the mulineers thoops which surround the multieers. Three other grenadier regiments, the Ekaterinoslav, the Taurid and the Nesvich, and the artillery garrison are in fall sympathy with their Bostof comrades and have compelled all their officers to leave the barracks and have selected representatives who are in communication with

the barracks and have selected representatives who are in communication with the mutineers.

There was a serious affair in the Stretchka boulevard in the center of the city last night. A squadron of Cossacks fired on a band of revolutionaries killing or wounding a dozen persons. The revolutionaries killed two Cossacks.

The mutiny of the Rostoff grenadier The muliny of the Rostoff grenadier regiment collapsed ignominously tonight owing to internal dissension and the discontent of a large portion of the Socialist leaders, who wished to force them to open collision with the loyal troops. After a meeting late this afternoon two battallons and a machine gain detachment descried. The mulineers sent a deputation to Gen. Playoffski saying they had returned to duty, imploring his pardon and volunteering to enter the barracks and seize the revolutionary comracks and seize the revolutionary con mittee so as to prove their repentance.

REVENUE OF MEXICO

Important Fiscal Documents Submitted to Mexican Congress.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17.-Finance Minister Linantour has submitted to Con-

ister Linautour has submitted to Congress two important financial documents. One is a statement for the fiscal year ended June 30 and shows the normal revenue in cash to have been \$22,08,88, with disbursements of \$79,182,308.

The surplus, with allowances made for disbursements belonging to the fiscal year not charged in accounts, amounted to \$2,972,410, which is ery satisfactory.

Estimates for the coming fiscal year to begin July 1, show probable revenue to be \$50,073,500, and expenditures \$95,97,357.

The budget will be acted upon by Congress at the April session. The financial position of the Government is exceedingly strong. strong.

Montenegro Ministry Out. CETINJE Montenegro Dec. 17.—The Ministry resigned today.

SIX HUNDRED ANTELOPES

Came Down From the Mountains in Montana to the Ranches.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 17.-After the cent storm ranchers in the lowlands near the mountains counted at least 600 ante-lopes quietly feeding on the fodder placed lopes quietly feeding on the fodder placed there for the domestic animals. For several days the terrific storm has been in progress on the crests of the mountains and this is thought to have driven the antelopes to the valleys. Every spring thousands of deer and elk perish in the mountains of starvation on account of the heavy snow. It is claimed that the absence of early snow will save these animals.

DAVY CROCKETT'S GRANDSON

Adjudged Insane in Oklahoma and Returned to Asylum.

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Returned to Asylum.

LAWTON, Okla, Dec. 17—R. A. Crockett, grandson of Davy Crockett, has again been adjudged insane. Four years ago he was foind insane and was sent to the asylum, where he was soon released as cured. Crockett returned to Hastings and was peaceable until recently, when the hallocination came upon him that he was being pursued by an enemy who meant to take his life, and for several days he has been going armed with a Winchester rifle of large caliber. The citizens of Hastings became alarmed and placed him under the care of the authorities.

BATTLE FLAGS TESTIFY TO HEROIC DEEDS

Tokio Holds Its First Official Celebration in Honor of Return of Soldiers.

TOKIO, Dec. 17 .- The first official celebration by the city in honor of the soldiers that have returned from Manchuria was held today. Field Marshal Oyama and Gen. Kuroki, together with their respective staffa were guests of the

Ten Thousand in Line.

The soldiers of all arms in field uniforms, 10,600 strong, with twenty-four guns, marched from Hibiya to Uyeno park, a distance of three miles. All street car traffic was suspended during the march. Despite the unfavorable weather which prevailed there was much enthus-iasm, the shattered battle dags elequent-ity testifying to the ordeals through which each regiment had passed. Formal Ceremony Held.

A formal ceremony was held at Uyeno park in which the Mayor of the city made an address congratulating the Manchurian army on its victories. The expenses of the celebration were defrayed voluntary contributions Unprecedented Event in Tokio.

The event was unprecedented in that it was the first time that Toklo saw such a large army marched through her streets at one time. WANTED FOR FORGERY

Young Man Arrested as He Steps

From Steamer Korea. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—When the steamer Korea arrived from the Orient today the police arrested one of the passengers, a young man who had been traveling under the name of Charles Ferguson. The latter admitted that he was Ernest B Horwitz recently of Shanghai. The arrest was made on a cablegram from American Consul-General Rodgers at Shanghai, China, that Horwitz was wanted there on a charge of forgery. He was accused of forging a check for 505 taels on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank of Shanghai.

Denies the Forgery.

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Horwitz denies having committed forgery, but admits he did something to spite his brother-in-law in Shanghal. He would not say what this was, but declared it was not forgery. He said he had been promised a curgo of goods from a Chinese metchant in Shanghal, which he was to take to Russia and his brother-in-law had agreed to become his surety, but at the last moment backed out and destroyed his fredit.

Traveling Three Months

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He left Shanghai about three months ago and has been traveling in Japan, buying and seiling goods. He had been representing a Filipino tobacco firm in China. His father, he said, is in business in the Chy of Mexico and his ungle is one of the leading druggists in New York. He had been backed by M. J. Connell & Co., of Scattle. MAY LEAVE FRANCE Some Large American Insurance Com-

panies Threaten to Withdraw. PARIS. Dec. II.—Some large American insurance companies threaten to withdraw from
France as a result of the sharp controversy
over the new French insurance laws. The issue has now reached an acute stage, owing
to the insurance department of the Ministry of
Commerce having framed rules under which
the insurance law becomes retroactive. The
rules have not yet been officially promulgated
and the insurance companies are making a
final effort to induce members of the Cabinet
not to permit their going into effect, representing that it will be a serious detriment to
American interests.

American interests.

The law as originally passed required foreign insurance companies to purchase and deposit French securities here as a protection for French policy holders. The American conjuntes are willing to accept this as applying to further business, but not on policies already written.

A committee representing the insurance department, the United States Embassy and the insurance companies have gone over the subject. At this conference it was decided to reject the American companies' contention. The entire outstanding American business in France amounts to many millions of dollars, and therefore the retroactive rules will compell the deposit by these companies of a large amount of French bonds with the Government as a guarantes to French policy holders. The American Embassy has submitted a lengthy written protent arking the Council of State to suppress the objectionable retroactive clause before the regulations are promulgated.

ANGLO-GERMAN ENTENTE

Commercial Community of Berlin Hold Meeting to Consider Matter. EERLIN, Dec. 17 .- A meeting of 2000

members of the commercial community was held at the Boerse today in favor of an Anglo-German entente. Herr Kirschner, burgomaster of Berlin, many members of the Reichstag and several well known savants were present.

Frince Schoenaich-Caroloth, Prof. Friederich Paulsen and others spoke in favor of such an entente. A resolution in accordance with the views of the meeting was adopted and it will be forwarded to Prince Von Buelow, the imperial chancellor, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the British premier, and Lord Asbury who recently presided over a meeting in London for the furtherance of friendly retainons between Great Britain and Germany.

The resolution crophasizes especially the advantages of an entente from a compacting standpoint. Telegrams of sympathy were read from the Dramatists Fulda and Haupimann.

New Record in Pool. BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. II —Grant Edy of Buffalo, in a match game of pool in this city with W. H. Clearwaier, last night made what is believed to be the world's record for a run, making 19

Communication Is Restored. LONDON, Dec 17.-The Northern Tele-graph company amountes that direct communication with St. Petersburg has

Big Blaze in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Fire today caused losses aggregating \$119.990 in a five-story manufac-turing building at 155 Lake street. The heav-lest losses were Lausown & Co., leather deal-ers, \$75,000.

Marquis Ito Has Accepted.

LONDON, Duc. 18.—The correspondent of Standard at Kobe, Jupan, says that Mai 110 has accepted an appointment as resi General in Korea. International Fleet Recalled.

CONSTANTINOPLE. Dec. 17.—The in-ernational ficet which has been a dem-nstration in Turkish waters has been

## DICTATORIAL POWER **GIVEN OFFICIALS**

Russian Governors and Prefects Authorized to Declare State of Siege.

POPULACE WILL THEREFORE BE RULED BY TYRANTS

By This Act Russian Government Hopes to Break Back of Revolution.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.-A shudder of horror has convulsed Russia. The Government claims it has given battle only to the "red" revolutionists, but the populace generally believes that the "white terror" has returned. Already the leaders of the proletariat agitation who escaped capture Saturday night at the Economic society and even men of the rank of Prof. Milukoff, are in hiding from the police, who are bunting them down. The Government evidently anticipates a battle royal and has made its dispositions accordingly. It fully understands that the proletariat will give blow for blow in answer to the wholesale arrests.

Given Dictatorial Powers.

The Workmen's Council and the League of Leagues Saturday night issued a declaration of a general strike, to begin imlaration of a general strike to begin immediately, and consequently by an Imperial ukase published this morning all Governors-General. Governors and Prefects throughout the Empire who are cut off by telegraph are clothed with almost dictatorial powers, being authorized without consulting St. Petersburg to declara state of siege and if necessary even martial law. As most of the provincial authorities are reactionary officials of the old regime the advantage they will take of such power to terrorize the populace can be easily imagined, they being in position to become petty tyrants and wage war each in his own particular fashion against the revolutionists.

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The Novoe Vremya was the only paper, with the exception of the Official Messenger, to appear today, and in the center of the first page is a half column of blank paper, showing where the censer had forbidden an article. The Novoe Vremya seceded from the Publishers' union and was published under the protection of police and Cossacks. The Slove and the Novosit, two other papers that have not suspended publication, were unable to appear, as the printers walked out in obedience to orders of the Council of Workmen, because these papers refused to print the manifesto of the protetarist organization. Practically all the ringleaders of the protetariat organization is tended the council, the head of whom is M. Letent, the head of whom is M. Letent, the head of whom is M. Letent, the head of whom is manifesto, including the famous M. Hessen of the Pravo, were with the single exception of Prof. Milukoff who managed to evade arrest, taken into custody M. Souvorin, editor of the Russ, furnished \$500 ball and was released.

Witte's Life in Danger.

In addition to the general strike, it is expected that the revolutionaries will have recourse to the old methods of fighting the Government. It is stated that the terrorist organization held a meeting in the small hours of this morning. Count Witte's life is considered to be in danger and the annex of the palace, where he is residing, is heavily guarded.

Addressed by Emperor.

The most significant news comes from Tharskoe-Selo, where in view of the resolution of the Government to put its foot down on the strike, a regular campaign is being conducted with the purpose of firing the loyalty of the guard regiments Each day a regiment from St. Petersburk is reviewed and addressed by Emperor Nicholas, and with much ceremony his Majesty passes up and down the lines and speaks personally to officers and men. Grand Duke Nicholas is present at these ceremonies.

Kissed the Emperor's Hand.

Kissed the Emperor's Hand. Saturday, after the review of the Pre-obrajensky regiment, Grand Duke Nich-olas and the officers of the regiment in turn on bended knees kissed the Emper-or's hand, which called forth an outburst of enthusiasm from the soldie Monday the Mailovski regiment will

Barred From Communication.

M. Nomechaieff, Minister of Communications, has issued orders to the chiefs of all the railroads not to recognize organizations of railroad men, particularly cautioning them not to allow the passage of the leaders of the revolution who heretofore have been using the railway tolegraph lines to transmit their instruc-

tions. Fighting for Its Life. The Government has chosen a desperate moment to repress the proletariat. It is fighting for its life in the Baltic region, where a revolt is admitted to be in full blast with almost a practical certainty that if, it cannot be crushed its flames will spread to Poland. The native population of the ancient kingdom of Lithuania is made up of a hardy and headstrong people who having raised the banner of revolt, will fight to the bitter end.

Confronted by Mutiny, At Moscow the Government is con-fronted with a mutiny of troops so se-rious that it has been obliged to send a regiment of cavarry from St. Petersburg to aid in the suppression of the mutin-

storing cable communication abroad, but it is utterly unable to guarantee how loss it will be able to keep the cables in oper

The Government today succeeded in re-

Want Martial Law Set Aside. Petitions from the nobility of Riga, Windau, Libau and other places in the Baltic provinces; have been received by the Government imploring it to abolish martial law, which the petitiou says is only inflaming the situation.

The editors of the Signal and several other satirical papers of mushroom growth, which have been printing themost outrageous carroons of imperial personages, have been arrested charged with less majeste.

HERMANN IS BETTER

Oregon Congressman Able to Take a Short Walk.

ROSEBURG, Or. Dec. 17.—Congressed Binger Hermann, who was reported to be seriously ill, is better today and was abus to take a short walk.